

July 15, 2010

Dear Colleague:

The purpose of this letter is to once again highlight pending Networx transition milestones and to alert you to a specific action you must take to protect transition reimbursement credits if you are unable to meet the next pending milestone. As you know, the progress of transitioning Federal telecommunications services from the GSA FTS2001 Bridge contracts to the Networx contracts must be complete next year. While the Government has disconnected 60 percent of FTS2001 telecommunication services to date, many Agencies still have much work to do.

Two important transition deadlines are fast approaching: 1) a transition reimbursement credit deadline of August 31, 2010 and 2) the expiration of the FTS2001 contracts in May and June 2011. This letter addresses actions required for Agencies at risk of not meeting these dates.

In order to receive reimbursement for transition costs, Agencies must submit their transition orders for Networx contract services by August 31, 2010. If your Agency will not be able to submit all transition orders by this date, you may request an exception to the August 31, 2010 deadline and thereby continue to qualify for your transition reimbursement credits. To initiate the exception request, please notify GSA by July 23, 2010 (email to debbie.hren@gsa.gov) that you intend to request an exception to the August 31, 2010 deadline for transition reimbursement credits. Upon receiving your request, GSA will provide you an application to apply for the exception. Your exception application must be submitted by August 13, 2010. GSA will notify you as soon as possible of the status of your request.

OMB has directed GSA to provide the following information by August 27, 2010:

- a list of Agency services that will not be ordered by August 31, 2010 and the projected date the orders will be submitted
- the contractual timeframe the Networx contractor will have to complete the orders based on the revised schedule or the time the Agency has requested for the contractor to implement the orders

My Network Services Program office remains dedicated to working with you and your Agency representatives to assist in every way possible to help you transition your FTS2001 services within the timeframe available. I encourage you to contact my Network Services Program Director, Karl Krumbholz, at karl.krumbholz@gsa.gov (703) 306-6636, or GSA Transition Manager, Richard Williams, at richard.williams@gsa.gov (703) 306-6290, should you have questions.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner